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Governor JOHN CONNALLY was interviewed by SA H. T. BURK at St. David's Hospital, Room 201-203, Austin, Texas, night of December 11, 1963.

Governor CONNALLY advised the driver and another Secret Service man were in front seat of car, President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Mrs. KENNEDY in rear seat, with Mrs. KENNEDY on the driver's side and President KENNEDY on the right side, Mrs. CONNALLY was on a "jump seat" immediately behind the driver and in front of Mrs. KENNEDY facing the driver with back to Mrs. KENNEDY. Governor CONNALLY was seated on "jump seat" on right side of the car in front of the President with back to him.

The car was going in west or southwest direction in downtown Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963, when the following incident occurred:

Governor CONNALLY stated, "First sense or realization of anything unusual I became conscious of a shot or what sounded like a gun shot, I knew it came from my right rear. I instinctively turned to my right to look back and as I did so I sensed more than I saw, that President KENNEDY was hit.

"As I turned, I realized something was amiss with President KENNEDY and then I turned back to my left a little and as I did so I got hit with a bullet in my right shoulder just below the shoulder blade and arm pit about four inches from my right side. This bullet pierced my chest coming out the right side of my chest slightly below my right nipple. It entered my right arm about the wrist, passed through and then lodged in my left inner leg just above the knee where the bullet apparently split. I believe I remarked, 'Oh my God. They are going to kill us all.

"Realizing I had been hit I crumpled over towards Mrs. CONNALLY and she pulled me over towards her.

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"Mrs. CONNALLY said, 'No be still, you are going to be all right.'

"With my head against her shoulder my knees naturally fell towards the right door of the car.

"I was conscious of a third shot and heard it. I had a feeling the third shot hit President KENNEDY but did not see it actually strike his body. I was conscious of the fact that the third shot had not hit NELLIE, my wife. About this time I became conscious of the fact we were all splattered with what I thought was brain tissue from President KENNEDY.

"The Secret Service man in front of me had turned to look back and also the driver. The Secret Service man in front of me remarked, 'Let's get out of here,' and I recall the Secret Service man talking on the radio in the car to the effect 'Get to a hospital quick.'

"I was conscious of the car wheeling out of line of the caravan and rapidly picking up speed and then I was unconscious until the car began stopping at the hospital when I regained consciousness and realized I must get out of the way so President KENNEDY could be removed from the car, and I made some movement trying to get out of the car.

"I recall being carried on a stretcher into the hospital and remarking, 'Oh my God, it hurts, it hurts.' I also recall after hearing the third shot Mrs. KENNEDY said, 'Oh my God, they have shot my husband, JACK, JACK.'"

When Governor CONNALLY was asked about the elapsed time between the first and last shot he remarked, "Fast, my God, it was fast. It seemed like a split second."

"Just that quick," and he snapped his fingers three times rapidly to illustrate the time and said, "unbelievably quick."

He saw no flash from a gun and did not see a gun. He stated he was not conscious of anything that went on outside the car itself.

However, upon hearing the first shot and turning to his right he looked up above eye level and seemed to feel at the time the shot came from a building behind them. He recalls seeing three buildings in his vision at that time--one, the School Book Depository Building, another building in the center of the three, and then a third building he feels possibly was "the old records building."

He has no recollection of ever hearing of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY before this incident nor can he recall any action on his part as Secretary of Navy relative to a discharge for OSWALD from the U. S. Marine Corps. He can think of no other incidents in his official capacity that might have any bearing upon this assassination.

Governor CONNALLY added, "My impression at the moment it happened was I had been hit by a stray bullet."

"In retrospect I felt the assassin had intended to hit me, but, do not now honestly feel he intended to hit me." Governor CONNALLY felt the shots were fired so fast the assassin had hit him by accident on the second shot. He never heard President KENNEDY utter or say a word after the first shot.

His impression was that after the third shot President KENNEDY had probably been fatally wounded.

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